



# **Update on FTA Major Capital Investment Program (New Starts/Small Starts) Rulemaking**



# Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) Timeline

- **January 2010:** Secretary announced that FTA will undertake changes to New Starts/Small Starts regulatory framework to reflect the wide range of benefits of transit
- **June 2010:** ANPRM published in Federal Register, soliciting input from a broad range of stakeholders
  - Questions on how to improve measurement of the three most challenging project justification criteria used to rate applicant projects: cost effectiveness, environmental benefits and economic development
- **June and July 2010:** FTA held seven listening sessions and one webinar related to the ANPRM
- **August 2010:** ANPRM comment period ended



# ANPRM: Profile of Comment Submitters

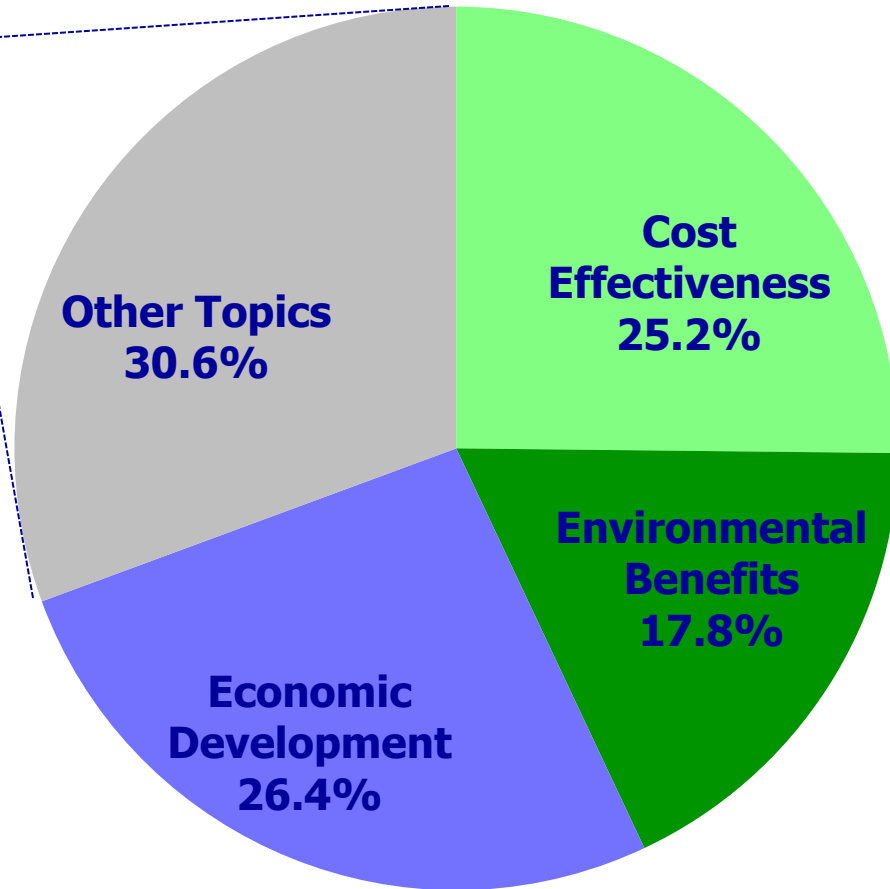
- 161 individuals and organizations submitted comments to the ANPRM docket, totaling 2,070 separate comments (over 1,000 pages)
  - 29 operators of public transportation and 1 private bus operator
  - 6 state departments of transportation (AK, CA, FL, MA, MI and NY)
  - 1 Federal agency (EPA)
  - 1 joint Congressional submission (Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Russ Carnahan and Gerald Connolly)
  - 12 metropolitan planning organizations or regional councils of government
  - 15 local governments or entities
  - 18 trade organizations, national non-profits or lobbyists
  - 4 research institutions
  - 14 local or regional community organizations
  - 61 private citizens or businesses



# ANPRM: 2,070 Distinct Comments Received

## Breakdown of Other Topics

Project Development Process	14.0%
Other Project Justification Criteria	6.3%
Financial Criteria	2.1%
Eligibility	0.3%
Other Areas	7.9%





# Next Steps

- Continued review of comments by FTA
- Development of NPRM